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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **IUCHI, Tetsuya, et al.**

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Examiner: **C. R. HARMON**

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For: **APPARATUS FOR SEALING CONTAINERS**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 1, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **December 3, 2004**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: